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NEW CANADIAN AWARDS

The Prime Minister recently announced modifications and additions to the Canadian system of honours. His statement to the House of Commons follows:

It is my pleasure to announce that her Majesty the Queen, on the advice of the Government, has approved the issue of letters patent revising the Order of Canada, establishing a Canadian Order of Military Merit and creating three Canadian decorations for bravery.

In the five years since the Order of Canada was created to recognize outstanding achievement and service, it has done more than fulfil our expectations of it. It has been accepted and is respected throughout the country.

The new letters patent will increase the levels of membership to three - Companions of the Order, Officers of the Order (and this level will take in



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those who now hold the Medal of Service) and Members of the Order. As might be expected, existing Companions of the Order and holders of the Medal of Service are generally persons who have achieved prominence on the national scene. The new level, Member of the Order, has been designed to offer deserved recognition to those persons who have chosen to contribute their time and their talents to their own communities, professions or other groups. The importance of these contributions is often no less than those whose efforts have been directed on

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